

REMARKS

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated February 3, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant elects for continued prosecution of the Group I claims (i.e., Claims 1-8) drawn to a method with traverse. Thus, Applicant requests examination of Claims 1-8.

Additionally, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement with respect to claims 9-17 in Group II. The claims of the elected Group I (i.e., Claims 1-8) are drawn to a method of treating a semiconductor device. This is not the same as a method of making a semiconductor device within the meaning of MPEP §806.05(f). The claims of Group II (i.e., Claims 9-17) are directed to a semiconductor device treated in accordance with the method of the claims in Group I (i.e., Claims 1-8). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement with respect to claims 9-17, and modification of the restriction requirement to include these claims in the elected Group I.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct future correspondence regarding this application to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

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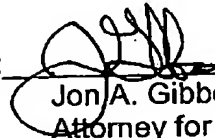
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PLEASE CALL the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would help advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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